

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30 pm.GMT

In accordance with provision laid down by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, during a period of encouraged 'social distancing', this meeting was held by means of internet video and telephone communication in a virtual setting, using Zoom software. All members were always able to hear proceedings and members of the public had been given opportunity to attend.

21/1874 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman), Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Dec Downey, Cllr Rebecca Downey, following item 4 (minute 1877) Cllr Paul Monks, Cllr Robert Peterson, Cllr Susie Tinsley. **Absent:** Ruth Rigby. **Absent:** Officer present: The clerk.

21/1875 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

21/1876 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting as a proper record of that meeting. The chairman will sign the minutes at an appropriate time once COVID-19 restrictions allow.

21/1877 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Paul Monks as a member of Nassington Parish Council.

21/1878 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There was none.

21/1879 CRICKET BUILDING AT PLAYING FIELD:

There was an update from the chairman of the cricket club detailing funding received from Augean landfill grant funding scheme, formation of advisory committee and technical support. Plans had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the facilities on the west end of the building would incorporate external access so that a toilet can be accessed by authorised third parties without the need for someone to open any other part of the building. Storage of grounds maintenance equipment would be henceforth in the containers on the playing field whilst training equipment would be in the changing rooms. The council approved of the plans and the extant planning permission from East Northamptonshire Council will facilitate the works. The council also supports the cricket club's ambitions for girls' cricket and youth cricket. The improved facilities might allow for additional sporting activities in the wintertime.

21/1880 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:

There was an update on the neighbourhood planning process, in particular the process of members of the advisory committee. One person has agreed to join the committee, there is interest from others and some others are considering the matter. It was agreed that the people identified as potential committee members would join Alan Burns, Paul Monks, Rob Peterson and Susie Tinsley on the main advisory group. For particular issues where people in the village known to have specific expertise (such as environmental or historic matters), additional members can be co-opted to smaller advisory sub-committees.

Grant funding from Grantscape / Locality has been confirmed and a meeting held with the representatives from AECOM, to prepare an application for funding to support investigating a design code as part of the neighbourhood plan. In view of the government white paper into the reform of the planning system and the MHCLG's recent announcement of design principles to put greater emphasis on local standards of beauty, quality and design under plans for the NPPFⁱⁱ changes.

21/1881 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

- 20/01575/LDE | Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development/Use: mixed use of land for the siting of caravans and moorings, including land ancillary to those Uses | Yarwell Mill Mill Road Yarwell: It was **RESOLVED**

that the council objects to the proposals contained in the application, The council does not feel that the evidence presented constitutes proof of the site having been used for siting of caravans in the past and the raft of submissions from local people cite evidence to the contrary. The council has strong reservations concerning increased dwellings on the site, as flooding experienced by residents late in 2020 caused disruption and blocked access in Nassington and Yarwell, as do the deliveries of the mobile homes. The area is not considered safe or sustainable for permanent residence in the current climate emergency with increased river levels and rainfall likely to become more frequent.

- Pre-submission draft local plan part 2 consultation. This is a technical consultation on the soundness of the process and the draft plan. It was agreed that no submission will be offered.
- Parish Council land matters – It was **RESOLVED** to budget £750 for legal costs to determine ownership or otherwise of the village green and foot access on the land leading from Church Street to the playing field.

21/1882 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:

- The outdoor gym is in place but remains protected by Heras fencing until the grass in the area starts to take. An immediate issue of concern is the signage that will ensure safe usage and allow people to utilise the online support for the equipment is not yet in place. The ongoing area of concern is brambles which must be frequently and vigorously sprayed with a herbicide that will not harm the grass. The parish council will take back responsibility for the cutting and the maintenance of the area, as the previous arrangement for such had failed. The council will procure some grass seed to add to the area and some wildflowers. The council is proud of this project and has received a great deal of positive feedback from the wider community. It sees this as part of the wider health and well-being initiative and will be pleased to support a program to encourage people to become familiar with how to use the equipment and how to help increase fitness. The details of how this might work and who could support will be discussed at the March meeting. Cost and insurance will be considered before any initiative is set up.
- Highways issues: A report about a raised drain raised at the January parish council meeting had been passed to highways via the Fix-my-Street facility and had been responded to, with highways advising that it would be fixed. Overflowing drains on Yarwell Road, flooding right across the road and lying to the bottom of Mill Lane had also been report to highways via the same means. [Speed data](#) of vehicles on Fotheringhay Road had been sent to the council and other parties as part of a response to concerns raised by a resident at the cluster of properties outwith the 'urban speed limit' on the national speed limit Fotheringhay Road. The data revealed 9025 vehicles travelling in both directions between 4th and 11th November 2020. The 85th percentile speed is the speed which 85% of the vehicles are not exceeding. That figure for cars was measured at 60mph. Road speed limits are commonly determined by the 85th percentile, given that 85% of drivers will drive at or below a speed that is comfortable for the given road conditions. 829 (9%) of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit and 238 (3%) were travelling at or exceeding the NPCC threshold of 68mph, which refers to the National Police Chiefs Council's (NPCC) minimum enforcement threshold for forces across the UK. This is generally accepted to be the speed limit exceeded by 10% plus 2mph. The matter was discussed at length - the council feels that the 3% figure is unlikely to be 3% of drivers but 3% of car movements, with the culprits of the excess speed at a lower percentage than 3 as the same drivers travelling frequently. However, it is supportive of the resident's concerns and any corrective action, provided this does not impact on the speed limits within Nassington. The clerk will meet with other stakeholders on 24th February to discuss the situation to investigate how the council can support in these matters.

21/1883 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

There was no matter to discuss as the Salix loan information had been approved at an earlier meeting with the correct information.

21/1884 ALLOTMENT MATTERS:

A report on the site visit, carried out by two councillors, had been circulated in advance of this meeting. A concern is that the wall to the allotment, which was repaired 5 years ago, is falling over again. An informal discussion will

take place with the closest allotment holders to ascertain whether repairs can be carried out. The allotment plots with a plethora of unsuitable and inappropriately used sheds will be dealt with going forward once the ban, currently in place, on moving birds is lifted. Paul Monks will speak to allotment holders about the wall and about drainage. The clerk was instructed to cost water troughs to replace the two water taps which have sprung leaks and a water flow reduction valve. Chaser letters would be sent to those who have not yet paid their rents. A further inspection would be carried out in May.

21/1885 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve invoices / accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority:

Goods/services	Payee	Nett	Gross
Clerks salary	S Rodger		
Pension	Nest		
SSE	Electricity	158.26	188.68
Data protection fee	ICO		40.00
PAYE	HMRC		495.58
Gym area clearance	Nene Valley Home Services		900.00
Bench installation	Nene Valley Home Services		150.00
History website domain	Paul Tate		20.36
Benches & delivery	Earth Anchors	1,267.75	1,521.30

21/1886 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

It was noted that Mr Burns had joined the council 10 years ago that evening.

21/1887 NEWSLETTERS

Health and wellbeing / social prescribing would be the focus, in particular the benches and the gym. Mention the cricket club grant funding and the upcoming elections. The path to the playing field improvement will be mentioned again.

21/1888 MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD:

Land around footpath NM27 requires some attention, possibly some drainage channels or grips.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM 7.30PM

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ [ministry-of-housing-communities-and-local-government](#)

ⁱⁱ [national-planning-policy-framework—](#)